

"Grand Intelligencer" 9  
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(9 PM)

David Phillips:

I do ... blame Pres JFK for failure (Cuba I)

We should have

(but) we should have had the (courage?) to say "No." (!)

Notes: Bobbie Kennedy, after Bay, was very hands-on about  
Cuba — very earnest, very determined...

Bobbie: "Mongoose '62" was the top priority of  
US Gov"; sentral the one plane C/A was  
not authorized to operate... in US.

354 missions into Cuba explosions — US.

Eugenio Marteny

Notes: What are you doing to get rid of those  
fellows.

Ft. Detrick

Executive Action Committee

Everett Ruess — Shellfish Terpen  
in you, shortly under

propaganda: spraying his TV studios with LSD during one of  
his speeches

Schles, Jr: Mob brought in by the — think the  
command C/A...



Pres Kennedy wanted to get rid of Fidel Castro,  
in any way he could

Lawrence Hamilton - RFK was annoyed at interference  
with his provenance of Mob -

"no count on assass schemes"

W.H. didn't want to know;

Pres regarded criticism of CIA as unpatriotic

Szule - re

Intell report gave JFK weeks of warning (!)  
before minutes became operational - urge  
him to reach a peaceful solution (!)

"I can assure you that this flag will be  
returned to this jungle in a free Havana." How?

Assass efforts continued for another year;  
on Nov 22, <sup>63</sup> poison for gun to assassinate...

64 Another CIA comet was now out of  
control.

CBJ identified CIA's ~~was~~ unsubstantiated war  
in VN." Then Bunt... to an SVN military



CIA - If you're fighting a people's war -  
there's less emphasis on shooting the enemy.  
You're trying to get the people on your side...

But if the military take over... they want to  
shoot the enemy

Tolly on Phoenix: Mr. Day, the tax collector, is  
found dead... he wasn't taken away, he wasn't executed... but he  
wasn't murdered". "The bodies were at the gates and at the windows...  
and some horrible things were done."

"1967 - Chaos - a basic threshold had been  
crossed - CIA was now violating one of the  
few restrictions Congress had placed on it."

(Spying on Americans) Helms "didn't say no."

Hoon "said no" (to Huston Plan)

(NO Ehrlichman planned to remove him.)

Tolly:: Agency was not out of control; if  
anything, it was under too much control, of  
the President i.e. too responsive to Pres  
not restrained by

Cong. oversight - but still not wholly under control  
of the Pres

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Transcript?



Morgue: Branch + Child, Hopes 1975  
Ranger Pearson to (JFK)/LBN sent was vs. NVN: 34A  
(Would not Morgue have led to air strikes?)

(like sent was vs. Chile  
Nicaragua)

Bay of Pigs was a Fait Malheureux  
not because it was discovered, making its intended  
dupes/target angry,  
but because it failed, making its perpetrator  
ashamed and angry, wanting revenge.

(The perpetrator  
is left feeling in the  
position of the intended  
victim who desires  
a FA...

EGL: RFR felt JFK had been insulted in Cuba I —  
needed to be redressed  
(humiliated?!)

Cuba II: JFK felt K's lies and deployment  
had been an attack on his Admin (before election;  
as the thought about Bay of  
Pigs, Moenille, Skybolt;  
i.e. a personal insult, humiliation  
(see JFK - Michigan, Nov 29, 62)

(see significance of F.M.A. in context of  
question, problem: Wf was this a crisis, worth  
risking with GW, in breach of alliance (i.e. latter course)

(In 1973: did N/HAK think: Soviets — and/or Israelis —  
are trying to take advantage of US/mg weakness,  
desiring? "We'll (have to) show them!" 1973 short.  
(as after Nguni, Coranell, Nov. Ult) → Cuba II

Cuba I, Vietnam, → full 25 mobilization  
+ Wall → VN advisors.



- Essentially: What if Sov had not tried FA?

W/ aid by? (Op deployment allowed US to  
block it with a blockade and <sup>illegal,</sup> but "NV"  
 (like Sovs, access to Berlin)  
 (Molotov, Cambridge Conf)

- Effects of FA's on others.

- Hyde "CRISIS" NOT (ONLY) BECAUSE JFK HAD MADE COMMITMENT  
 (PRIVATE, SECRET?)  
 (which Reps & Dem leaders  
 wanted carried out)  
 OR BECAUSE (he had been led to do so because)

see Schles, RFR  
 514  
 505

OF SOV "ASSURANCES" + "DECEIT" + SECRECY  
 (Baldshaus:  
 Schles RFR, 502  
 Chom 73  
 (all of which were results  
 embarrassing  
 humiliating  
 showing dangerous contempt,  
 disrespect  
 lack of respect from

SU FA APPROACH, arrogant BUT BECAUSE (JFK had deceived himself, and been willing to give assurances  
 make JFK warnings and make threat - contracts become)  
 belief - got SU pleased  
 to ignore these

(of course, openness  
 would have risked  
 warnings immediately, &  
 on strong commitments).  
 JFK HAD GIVEN WARNINGS / THREATS, which he  
 expected (embarrassing, afterwards) to be  
 effective, but WHICH WERE DISREGARDED  
 PERSONAL CHALLENGE TO JFK "lack of respect, fear"  
 (put me, Chom as challenge & K!) insult  
 "in our own backyard"

(Warnings were "late," but they  
 should have been anticipated, and regarded, from the beginning  
 especially since SU arrogance)



CA is like FA; and if (if CA fails) culminates  
in, be subverted by, FA (indirect attack).

CA ~ VN → long-~~period~~ FA (TG, RT) → troops

34A

Foreign

US air

But no "crisis" in 1965

(secret war in 1964: just things at  
without public action before election)

US. NLF/DRV, not SU

|| who couldn't threaten or attack  
|| US directly



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F.A. or F.M.A. is humiliating, and has a personal ending  
in a way that CA does not. (not just achieving)

never acknowledged

(unlike PK + U2 - see K rage)

Never, creates crisis; esp. FA F.M.A

(but see JFK's blockade; K not out  
to challenge it; as if JFK  
had challenged the Wall).

FA is like Surprise Attack!

(see US reaction to Pearl Harbor!)

vs. "how can't we be humiliated"

K humiliation is Querry, (how?) U-2 (!) 1960

Testing  
(FA)

Berlin / Hilfpatric

(Wall: FA)

PK took away K triumph  
after great humil. of U-2  
flights

(Shuttle; Rep) (F.M.A!) - humil. for failure → vindication

JFK: Cuba I → vindication: by means of CA/FA

Vietnam  
Walt

Berlin "crisis"

Wall → VN advisors

K: upholding humiliation is Cuba? (really)  
" " - Berlin, etc.

→ F.M.A → JFK FA →

(K ANGER)

(CRISIS)



am  
B/W 238/294

JFK weakness = on Oct 27!

(as well as strength: no reference on U2)

JFK ~~was~~ giving way to blockade vs. mistake

(LBJ - Bay

U-2

memorandum / Skybolt

(Failure of CA vs. Albani in 1970, not (?) directly  
for N; still, distinction, as in JFK - Cuba.

Impending / potential limitation for LBJ in 1965.

(or, JFK was Drin)

to be rejected, essential

Issue: Why "crises" arise; (Soviet-American confrontation)

(How "RC elements" are motivated to use violence  
directly - <sup>FA</sup> Chicom attack, defeat of US forces

VN wasn't "crisis": yet

in New-Dix 50; kill. of MacA (hist)

1951?

(see "crisis" w/ officials vs. public:

Cambodia F.A. by N

RT?

(not, July 28, 65)

(not, ~~and~~ how ult.)

laws? - May-June 1971

Set

Cuba I - FA

W/ ~~W/~~

→ (Berlin "crisis" - free - Wall

K form of thru crisis? (US EU threat; civil defense

W/ K ult. of June 1961?

(denial of McG as to nature of  
his (?) speech, program)



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See USG desire to have a F.A. (Fast Access) — given that all the "options" we considered were illegal and we feared K would challenge this as legal issue.

SU tried to have a F.A. (failed) — because it expected US to act illegally — or according to Hunt Power Rules ("laws"), i.e. Melvin Doctrine.

(with SU as "unk,"

or subordinate, in an region

See Nixon vs. JFK on Cuba I, in debate

feeling he had the weaker argument

but had to take it to keep Cuba I as a F.A. —

but legal argument he raised

by and opponents of the plan — or Laws, Rules, UN

Nixon: better to have VP, Pres Candidate, express legal opposition to the invasion/oppression before launching it (as he hoped + expected to do?)

~~then to have~~ — then declaring public as to his/their Admin's wins and keeping the plan secret

("Save the plan") ("Take 5th, etc...")

WG)

rather than be silent about legal objections, let plan be surprised, and encourage public + UN to raise (legal objections?) (as stated for political + practical reasons) to take about a secret project (not just hypothetical, proposed one) that will block project.

(Objections other than legal would be answered, after FA, by success; and legal would be forgotten.)

ANA "Option — thing one has the liberty, freedom, right of choosing"  
(e.g. right to call for a deliberation specific stocks within spec. time at spec. rate)